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Title: SYSTEM FOR SERVER OBTAINING  
TERMINAL ADDRESS VIA SEARCHING  
ADDRESS TABLE OR VIA  
BROADCASTING TO ALL TERMINALS  
THROUGH EXCHANGE IN RESPONSE  
TO TERMINAL ADDRESS  
INTERROGATION REQUEST  
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PRELIMINARY REMARKS

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As a result of a recent discussion with the inventor, the inventor indicated that the description relating to the use of a broadcast method of broadcasting an interrogation request to all terminals in an ATM was not known or reduced to practice by others before the priority date of this application, but was in fact his own idea. Japanese inventors sometimes describe their own ideas, which are in fact unknown by others, as prior art for convenience in explaining what they believe is an aspect of the invention. However, in fact, the inventor himself had come up with such broadcast method for ATM.

The specification has therefore been amended on columns 2, 3 and 12 to rearrange the paragraphs relating to this method as part of the new invention rather than part of the background invention. Likewise, Figure 23 is being amended to delete the reference to this figure as prior art.

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